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Sir:

The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested to issue a Certificate of Correction under 35 U.S.C. §254 in U.S. Patent No. 6,878,269 to correct the mistake identified below.

Cover page, heading "(63) Related U.S. Application Data", "Continuation-in-part of application No. 08/930,271, filed as application No. PCT/JP97/00254 on Sep. 29, 1997, now abandoned" should be --Continuation-in-part of application No. 08/930,271, filed as application No. PCT/JP97/00254 on <u>Jan. 30</u>, 1997, now abandoned--.

The cover page of the present patent identifies the date that

the parent application 08/930,271 entered the U.S. National Stage as the filing date of the parent application. Since 08/930,271 was the U.S. national stage application of PCT/JP97/00254, the filing date of 08/930,271 is the filing date of PCT/JP97/00254, i.e., January 30, 1997, and should be identified as such on the cover page of the patent.

Attached to this request is Certificate of Correction form PTO-1050, which lists the above-identified mistake.

Issuance of the Certificate of Correction is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

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